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TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, ;A. UR

SUBJECT: HUMPHREY-HUNG ESPIONAGE CASE

REF: STATE 049328

FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VIENTIANE 365
(FEBRUARY 23, 1977).

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJ: LPDR REPORTEDLY DISPLEASED BY HIGH-HANDED SOVIET
COMPORTMENT IN LAOS
REF: VIENTIANE 0327

1. WEST GERMAN CHARGE RITTMUELLER SAID THAT RECENT LPDR
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE REQUIRING DIPLOMATS TO GO
THROUGH MFA TO SEE OFFICIALS OF OTHER MINISTRIES (REPORTED
REFTEL) WAS RESULT OF MFA DISPLEASURE WITH FREE WHEELING
SOVIETS, WHO OFTEN DEALT DIRECTLY WITH OFFICIALS OF OTHER
MINISTRIES. -

2. RITTMUELLER SAID THAT THE LAO WERE PARTICULARLY UN-
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HAPPY WHEN RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR MC. C. PODOLSKI, AFTER
ARRIVING IN DECEMBER 1976, PROCEEDED TO CALL UPON SEVERAL
MINISTERS WITHOUT SEEKING APPOINTMENTS THROUGH THE MFA.

3. RITTMUELLER ALSO SAID THAT THE LAO WERE ANGERED BY
THE SOVIETS' "FREE RUN" OF THE WATTAY AIRPORT WHERE
RUSSIAN LIMOUSINES OFTEN DRIVE ONTO THE TARMAC TO MEET

ARRIVING RUSSIAN PLANES AND RUSSIAN PERSONNEL FREQUENTLY
WANDER THROUGH THE AIRPORT WITHOUT REGARD TO RESTRICTIONS
THERE.

4. SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS WHOSE COUNTRIES PROVIDE AID
TO THE LPDR AS WELL AS SOME UN OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY
WILL IGNORE THE MFA NOTE AND CONTINUE THEIR PRACTICE OF
CONTACTING OFFICIALS AT THE WORKING LEVEL OF OTHER
MINISTRIES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE MFA. END OF TEXT.
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